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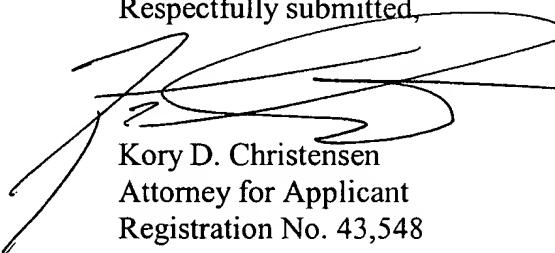
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Japanese Patent Application No. JP06209301A published July 26, 1994 discloses:

PURPOSE: To considerably reduce the time and the labor required for order reception and permission of program reception for each client.

CONSTITUTION: In the LED character broadcast system including a character broadcast center 11 which transmits various programs, reception servers 22 and 32 which are provided in respective clients and receive the programs from the character broadcast center, and LED information display devices 23 and 33 on which programs received by reception services 22 and 32 are displayed as a picture, reception servers 22 and 32 are provided with auxiliary storage devices 25 and 35 where program reception data such as the period of contract related to program reception, a reception program, and the display time are written, and reception programs are displayed on screens of LED information display devices 23 and 33 based on data written in auxiliary storage devices 25 and 35, and program reception data are newly written, updated, and deleted from a terminal 14 for business, which is provided independently of the character broadcast center 11, through a general public line 15.

Japanese Patent Application No. JP10327307A published December 8, 1998 discloses:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To transmit a data file other than character code data using a computer network efficiently while suppressing increase in traffic of a network.

SOLUTION: In the case of sending image data, a world wide WWW server section 12 describes compressed image data in a hyper text markup language HTML, the image data file is sent to the WWW from a LAN control section 10, and an electronic mail transmission/reception section 11 sends an electronic mail denoting a uniform resource locator (URL) on the WWW for the image data filed to a destination. In the case of receiving image data, a URL on the WWW described in a received electronic mail is extracted and a WWW client section 13 accesses the URL on the WWW to acquire the image data file, a compression/expansion section 5 expands the received file to reproduce the original image data.

Japanese Patent Application No. JP10327307A published December 8, 1998 discloses:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To allow the user to immediately obtain only an important part for the user from picked-up images.

SOLUTION: A video coder 1 or an audio coder 2 applies MPEG coding to an image or an audio signal respectively and the resulting coded data are fed to a system multiplexer 3. On the other hand, an important area detection circuit 4 detects an important part from the image and audio data. That is, the important area detection circuit 4 detects it as an important part when an area of an image includes many color difference signals indicating a skin color. When the important area detection circuit 4 detects the important part, a key signal generating circuit 5 outputs a key signal to the system multiplexer 3. The system multiplexer 3 multiplexes the key signal from the key signal generating circuit 5 on the image and audio coded data to the important part corresponding to the key signal.

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